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1. TURKISH DELEGATION HEAD (BENLER) INFORMED US EVENING MARCH 11 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING HIM TO AGREE TO TABLING BY US OF NEW PEACEFUL CHANGE FORMULATION FOR PLACEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF SOVIEREIGN EQUALITY (REF A).

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FRENCH REP (OURMET) TOLD US HIS INSTRUCTIONS PERMIT HIM TO AGREE TO TABLING NEW FORMULA, AND THAT FRENCH COULD ALSO AGREE WITH PRESENT PHRASEOLOGY AND PLACEMENT IN SOVEREIGN EQUALITY. HOWEVER, OURMET SAID FRENCH WOULD NOT AGREE TO EARLY REGISTRATION OF THIS LANGUAGE, BECAUSE OF LONG-STANDING FRENCH POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A LINKAGE BETWEEN PEACEFUL CHANGE, THE QUADRIPARTITE DISCLAIMER, AND THE LANGUAGE ON INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE PRINCIPLES. HOWEVER,
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OURMET EMPHASIZED INSTRUCTIONS ON ABOVE POINTS WERE

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PROVISIONAL IN NATURE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHEN SAUVAGNARGUES RETURNS TO PARIS AND HAS TIME TO FOCUS ON ISSUE.

3. IN COURSE OF OUR REGULAR CONTACTS WITH SOVIET DEL, WE INFORMED KOVALEV MARCH 12 OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND REMINDED HIM PER REF (B) INSTRUCTIONS, THAT WE WERE NOW AWAITING CLARIFICATION ON RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION BEFORE MOVING AHEAD TO TABLING OF LANGUAGE. KOVALEV SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO REPLY THAT LATEST RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION (INCLUDING "MIRNYM POOTYEM" FORMULATION) HAD BEEN AGREED BETWEEN US AND SOVIETS AND SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE. HE ADDED THAT THIS REPLY WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO US IN WASHINGTON.

4. WE NOTED THAT WE WOULD NEED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE WE CAN TABLE NEW PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE, AND THEN EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH KOVALEV ON LOCAL TACTICAL PROBLEMS REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF TEXT IN SUBCOMMITTEE, WHEN WASHINGTON INSTRUCTS US TO PROCEED. KOVALEV SAID SOVIETS PREFERRED QUICK, SIMPLE RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE, ENTAILING REGISTRATION OF TEXT IN FIRST PRINCIPLE, BUT LEAVING OPEN FOR TIME BEING ISSUE OF PRECISE PLACEMENT OF SENTENCE WITHIN THAT PRINCIPLE.

5. WE TOLD KOVALEV WE WOULD INFORM HIM AS SOON AS WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS ISSUE. DALE

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